(iv) Whether the Padiyur Panchayat has recommended the same?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(i) There is no public road maintained by Government in Vallivattom Village. In Padiyur Village there is a road nearly 3/4 mile long, viz., that portion of the Areepalam road from mile 2/2 to end.

(ii), (iii) and (iv). No information is available on these points. Even the Padiyur Panchayat is unable to say whether they have made any such recommendation.

Protection of the sea-board villages from sea erosion.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

227. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state if it has come to any decision regarding protecting the sea bc d villages from sea erosion?

(b) If any decision has been reached, will the Govern ment kindly state what it is ?

(c) If no decision has been reached, will the Govern-ment be pleased to come to some decision without delay ?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(a) and (b) No. Government have been following the policy of safe-guarding places which are badly affected.

(c) It will be unwise to make any quick decision before getting sufficient data for which a great deal of experimenting and watching of results is necessary. A protective rib of granite would safeguard the entire coast. But the cost of construction and maintenance is so great that the present financial limitation does not permit its adoption.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

May I know the places which have been already safe-guarded?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

Edavanakkad, some places in Kuzhuppalli and Ochan-turuttu.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

Are there no other places which are badly affected?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

No.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

May I know the probable cost of granite which would pro-tect the entire cost?

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Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

That is a very big order. It wants time.

Improvement to the existing or exploration of new irrigational facilities.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

228. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) What has become of the report of the Special Officer deputed by the Sirkar to make inquiries regarding the improvement to the existing or exploration of new irrigational facilities in the several taluks of the State?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the whole correspondence bearing on the subject?

Mr V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(a) The reports are under consideration and require careful scrutiny before adoption.

(b) Government do not consider it expedient to place the whole correspondence on the table at this stage.

The Potteries at Chalakkudi.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

229. Will the Government be pleased to state

a) What is the total amount spent on the Potteries at Chalakkudi?

(b) What income has the Government derived from it?

(c) What is the present value of the building, machinery and other materials belonging to it?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(a) and (b) The member is referred to the answers furnished to parts (a) and (b) of question No. 70.

(c) All the machinery purchased are as good as new, and the buildings and kilns are in a good state of preservation. Their present value can therefore be taken at their cost price, viz., Rs. 3.79,616—7—7.

The lease of the Pottery Works at Chalakkudi.

Mr. LONAPPAN CHAKKOLA.

230. Will the Government be pleased to state

(1) Whether it has received any offers for the purchase or lease of the Pottery works at Chalakkudi? If so, will the Government kindly place on the table the most unfavourable terms that have been offered either for purchase or for lease?

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